

55. (ONCE AMENDED) A component storage medium, comprising storage for [storing] a component which serves as one object in combination with [a predetermined] existing software, said component including a message for informing other [object] objects, upon receipt of occurrence of [a predetermined] an event of the [predetermined] existing software, [of] that the [predetermined] event is generated.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally filed. No new matter is presented herein.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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